

*****July 2, 2008*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special agenda meeting on Monday, July 2, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Paul Hendricks
Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick
Councilmember Annette Allen
Councilmember Susan Robertson
Councilmember Bill Lusk

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers
Town Recorder Mark Johnson

Two new employees, David Atkinson and Tom McCreary, were introduced to the Council.

The following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH F. DECOSIMO AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD COMMITTEE." Councilmember Lusk moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The following ordinance was presented for second reading: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10, ENTITLED THE "FY 2007-2008 BUDGET ORDINANCE" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES RECEIVED IN THIS BUDGET YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$601,157.00) WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE FINANCE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$21,250.00); FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00); FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,700.00); FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00); TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, NEW VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$112,700); FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOP IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE

THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,100.00); FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$22,200); TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,500); TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES FOR THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00); AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE SMMHS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$420,707), AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED AMENDED BUDGET DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR. ALSO, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE FY 2007-2008 BUDGET YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$9,000.00) WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN THE SOLID WASTE FUND BUDGET FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE RECYCLE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$9,000). ALSO, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE FY 2007-2008 BUDGET YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$13,500) WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN THE WATER FUND BUDGET FOR ADJUSTED SALARIES IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$13,500)." Ms. Rogers and Mr. Johnson explained the modifications from the previous reading, noting they were not significant. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Allen seconded the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The tentative agenda for the upcoming Stormwater Management Board meeting was discussed. Ms. Rogers presented an analysis showing the effect of proposed increases to stormwater fees. The Council discussed the financial position of the Stormwater fund, driving forces behind its expenditures, and how to present the proposal to the public. Also discussed was TDEC's role and authority concerning fees. The Council asked that Ms. Rogers and Mr. Johnson further investigate percentage increase alternatives.

The following items were discussed in regard to the July 14th regular meeting:

- The Mayor noted there is a new priest at St. Timothy's who will be invited to give the invocation.
- Although no resolutions are anticipated, the resolution above appointing Joe Decosimo will be mentioned.
- The second reading of the Tree Board Ordinance will occur.
- The "Green Thing" project, involving Dick Cook, will be presented. The program involves the painting of signs in certain parking spaces, designating them for parking of bicycles.

- The Council will formally announce the agreement with East Ridge for animal control.
- Department reports and their position within regular meeting agendas were discussed. The Council also considered having regular meetings at earlier times, possibly 6:00 p.m. Ms. Rogers said she would find out if this would need to be done by resolution or ordinance at the meeting.
- The annexation of the Fox Run and Windtree areas will be discussed.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion regarding a request made to her by someone who wishes to move to the Town and has a dog that could qualify as a "vicious" dog, per the related ordinance. The individual requested an exemption to muzzling the dog. Possible amendments to the ordinance, as well as insurance considerations were discussed. The Council agreed to invite a veterinarian to speak on the issue at the next agenda meeting.

The Council discussed the possibility of placing a rain barrel on one side of the Town Hall to correct a problem of improper drainage and water runoff from the roof. Ms. Rogers agreed to investigate this further.

The annexation of the Fox Run and Windtree areas was discussed. Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, was present for this portion of the meeting, and the status of road conditions in those areas and paving plans were reviewed, as well as depreciation schedules for paving costs and the costs of providing other services. The Council requested Ms. Rogers and Mr. Johnson examine cost allocation of paving further. Ms. Rogers noted the plan of services will be delivered to the Planning Commission before its August meeting.

The Council calendar/schedule, particularly as it related to annexation, was discussed.

Ms. Rogers described a recent communication from a citizen who owns property near the water shop. The citizen offered to sell the property to the Town. Ms. Hopper said the property would be useful for the disposal of street waste material. The Council agreed to allow Town personnel to research this proposal. Ms. Hopper then left the meeting.

Boyd Veal, Police Chief, was present to talk about a recent animal control report from the Humane Society. The report contained detail on animals that went into the shelter from the Town; however, several instances involved pickups at addresses not located in the Town itself, but in surrounding areas. The Council agreed to bring this up briefly at the July 14th meeting.

While Chief Veal was present, Ms. Rogers summarized a letter from a citizen commending the recent efforts of an officer.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of a recent e-mail to the Council members from a citizen expressing concern over people speeding along Kentucky Avenue. Chief Veal said officers had since been monitoring the area with radar and someone spoke with the company performing the construction work at Kentucky Avenue and Oak Street.

Ms. Rogers mentioned a complaint from a citizen who wanted to gain entrance to the pool over the weekend, but did not have his residency card and was denied entrance. The Council discussed pool fees and how to best handle situations such as this. Chief Veal left the meeting.

Ms. Rogers presented maps showing the golf course property and noted the trees along the property, which were a concern of one citizen, were positioned so that some were actually in the right-of-way, and some weren't. Mayor Hendricks noted that they probably do provide some protection from incoming golf balls.

Ms. Rogers noted the "Community News" is going to be producing a "Green" issue. Representatives had asked if the Town wanted to produce editorials for the issue. The Council indicated they were in favor of this, but Ms. Rogers said she was awaiting more information.

Documentation was recently delivered to the Town regarding a "Greenride" program, which deals with transportation issues. Greenride.com, the website used in the program, helps create matchups for carpooling, for example. Chattanooga is considering utilizing the program. Ms. Rogers asked if the Town wanted to be a part of this. The Council was interested in learning more.

Ms. Rogers noted she has been attempting to discuss transportation service issues with for citizens with Carta. She is trying to set up a meeting with Tom Dugan.

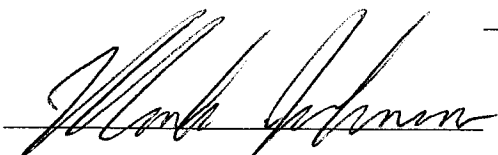
Ms. Rogers noted the Town had received a publication by Gatlinburg on its "Green Initiatives" and presented it for the Council's information.

Councilmember Lusk asked to revisit the issue of truck restrictions, asking if Walden town personnel could be contacted about our putting up signs on either end of the towns' property lines that say something like "No Thru Trucks".

Councilmember Allen asked if there was any way to incentivize people to downsize to smaller garbage cans. Ms. Rogers noted several larger ones had already been ordered and received.

The Council discussed the method of distributing a COLA raise to employees. It was decided that all employees, regardless of time of employment, would receive one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor

*****August 4, 2008*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special agenda meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Paul Hendricks
Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick
Councilmember Annette Allen
Councilmember Susan Robertson
Councilmember Bill Lusk

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers
Town Recorder Mark Johnson
Town Attorney Phil Noblett

Two new employees, David Bishop and Abner Miranda, were introduced to the Council.

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2008 FORD F-150 EXTENDED CAB TRUCKS, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 223, FROM ALEXANDER CHEVROLET-CADILLAC, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 99/100 (\$55,215.99) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE RECREATION, WATER, AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Ms. Rogers explained this was a revised version of a previously passed resolution, which allowed for the purchase of Chevrolet trucks, as well as one Ford F-150. The Chevrolet dealership was unable to produce 2008 Chevrolet trucks due to lowered production and heavily back-ordered units. Therefore, this resolution authorizes the purchase of only Ford F-150's. Councilmember Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADE TO LIGHTING COMPONENTS OF VARIOUS TOWN FACILITIES TO ELECTRO-TECH IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$33,753.11) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."
3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADE TO THE HEATING AND AIR SYSTEM IN THE POLICE AND FIRE BUILDING TO KEITH HEATING AND AIR CONDITION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND

EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,800) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD.” Ms. Rogers explained this and resolution no. 2 above, noting that the original bidding process produced bids higher than what the Town had budgeted for in relation to the energy efficient loan it would receive. After gaining appropriate approval from the State, the project was re-bid with modifications made to the work requested. For resolution no. 2, Councilmember Lusk moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. For resolution no. 3, Councilmember Robertson moved, and Vice-Mayor Dick seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council then discussed the vicious dog ordinance with veterinarian, Dr. Lisa Szczukowski. Various issues were discussed, such as whether or not the ordinance should specify certain breeds as “vicious,” the practicality of enforcing registration and related fees, the use of microchip identification, and how to deal with injured animals. The Council agreed to update and improve the ordinance based on the issues discussed.

The August 11th regular meeting agenda was reviewed, and the following items were attended to:

- The person who will lead the invocation.
- The recognition of Coach Al Ball. Mayor Hendricks moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded that a resolution be presented in August, recognizing August 22nd as “Coach Al Ball Day”, and that said resolution be ratified at the September agenda meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- A resolution honoring the D.A.R.E. State essay winner – Ivey Ervin.
- The second reading of the ordinance to change Council meeting times. It was noted the August 11th meeting would be at the usual time of 7:00 p.m. Ms. Rogers suggested the Council announce when the new meeting time will be effective.
- The second reading of the ordinance to increase the stormwater fees.

The time and place of the public hearing on the proposed annexation of Fox Run and Windtree was discussed, as well as previous comments from residents of these areas and the ramifications of possible legal actions on their part.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion of the “Consumer Connection” program. The Council discussed the Town’s position to recruit retail business and the need for more people to be involved in the retail program. Councilmember Allen said she would like to see a community visioning session as part of the program.

The Council discussed recent correspondence regarding a “Citizen Participation Ordinance” passed by the City of Glendale, Arizona. The ordinance requires developers to ask citizens to participate in discussions of proposed projects in the planning stages of development. The Council discussed how this idea could be applied to the Town. Mr.

Noblett said this would require a public hearing and suggested that it be reviewed by the Planning Commission. It was agreed that a copy of the ordinance would be sent to the Commission for review, and that the ordinance would be taken up again by the Council at the next work session.

Councilmember Robertson opened a discussion of the review and correction of Council minutes. She asked if the minutes could be reviewed and corrected by the entire Council and returned to Mark Johnson for changes prior to the regular meetings. It was agreed Mr. Johnson would send the minutes to the Council with a specified deadline by which grammatical corrections could be submitted.

Ms. Rogers reported on correspondence from personnel at CARTA regarding use by citizens of careavan service. CARTA is currently not screening financial information of its users. Age and income considerations of users were discussed, as well as the possibility of contracting with CARTA for these services under a flat rate. Ms. Rogers agreed to research options for the individuals who have a real need for the service.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion on a complaint from a citizen on the closing of Shoal Creek Road on Sunday afternoons. The citizen indicated not many people use the road for walks, and therefore it creates an unnecessary inconvenience for motorists. The Council agreed to continue closing this road on Sunday afternoons and discussed options for notifying the public via a sign that the road is closed specifically for community walks.

At this time, Councilmember Allen left for an appointment.

The Council then discussed Mayor Hendrick's draft of the Town Board ordinance. There were several suggested changes to the language regarding applications, terms, appointments, number of meetings, participation, responsibilities, annual reporting, etc. Mayor Hendricks asked for further review by the Council on this issue.

The use of applications for Town Boards was discussed. It was agreed that applications should be made available, but applicants could also submit letters or resumes in lieu of an application.

Ms. Rogers discussed with Council members their availability to attend a TML Policy day on September 11, 2008. She said this was a chance for the Town to submit ideas for TML's legislative priorities.

Ms. Rogers asked if the Council thought it was a good idea to hire a post-graduate intern to work on various Town projects through a program that would cost an estimated \$3,300/month. She said the plan was to use him/her for one month in the next fiscal year. The consensus was that this idea should be pursued.

Ms. Rogers presented a handout showing a machine that converts oil and grease from animal products into bio-diesel fuel. The possibility of preparing an inter-local

agreement for the use of such a machine by the Town and surrounding municipalities was discussed. The Council asked Ms. Rogers to investigate this further.

The Council then discussed some safety issues at the playhouse that should be addressed.

Ms. Rogers addressed an issue that was raised in the previous agenda meeting; that is, a complaint about speeding on Kentucky Avenue and the possibility of placing speed bumps along this road. Ms. Rogers said that after a week-long traffic study, performed by Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, it was determined there was not enough traffic to warrant placing speed bumps there.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that a new chipper machine would be purchased due to maintenance problems with the current one.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that Susan Humphries would be presenting a request for rezoning her property to the Planning Commission at their next meeting

Ms. Rogers asked if the Council wanted to be informed about future requests for donations she receives, as she had already received several. The consensus was that the Council's general policy was to not make decisions on charitable uses of taxpayer funds; therefore, they asked Ms. Rogers to handle this administratively.

Ms. Rogers asked the Council if the Town should proceed with the "Green Zone" project that was presented by Dick Cook at the July 14th regular meeting. The Council agreed to wait until the spring to pursue this so the Town's budget position could be evaluated.

It was noted that the Town's website could use improvement, and various options were discussed such as performing updates in-house and having an outside firm other than Local Government Data Processing Corporation perform website maintenance.

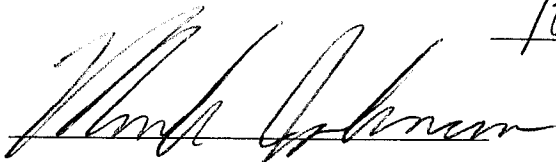
Councilmember Lusk asked if the Town owned the "Welcome To Signal Mountain" sign at the Town limit, and if "Welcome" in German could be added to the bottom of the sign since Volkswagon is coming to the area.

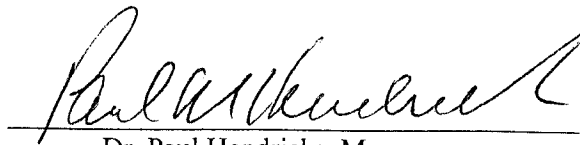
Ms. Rogers re-opened a discussion about the time and place for the September 8th public hearing. The Council suggested finding out how many people Town Hall could accommodate.

The possibility of providing insurance to retirees was discussed. Ms. Rogers summarized cost and liability considerations, and suggested the Town not become involved in this. Vice-Mayor Dick suggested explaining this to department heads and Ms. Rogers agreed to do so.

Council action steps were reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Recorder


Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor

*****July 14, 2008*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Paul Hendricks
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susan Robertson
Councilmember Annette Allen

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
Town Recorder Mark Johnson
See attached list for others present

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Reverend Peter Kanyi of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church gave the invocation. The roll call found all Council members present, with the exception of Vice Mayor Dick.

Minutes

The June 9th regular meeting and July 2nd agenda meeting minutes were reviewed. Councilmember Lusk moved and Mayor Hendricks seconded that the minutes be approved. Councilmember Robertson requested the following corrections be made to the June 9th minutes: 1) Under the "Beer Board Discussion section", the word *had* be replaced with *has*; 2) on the third page, in the second paragraph under "Citizen Comments", the phrase *He then said that with tree board and transportation issues arising...* be replaced with *Now that the Tree Board has been established the Mountain Vision Committee may evolve into a transportation committee* 3) in the first paragraph on page four, the phrase *Mr. Wardeberg moved...*, be changed to *Mr. Wardeberg had moved...* 4) also in the first paragraph on page four, the phrase, *...this principally served Alexian Village* be changed to *...this principally served the committee* 5) under the Fire Department section of "Department Reports", the sentence *Three personnel members had terminated but the positions were being filled* be replaced with *Three Fire Department employees have terminated, but their positions were being filled*. Ms. Rogers said the word *terminated* should be replaced with *resigned*, and Councilmember Robertson agreed. She also requested the following corrections be made to the July 2nd minutes: 1) in paragraph three on page four, the word *Counsel* be replaced with its correct spelling, *Council* 2) also in paragraph three on page four, the phrase *The Council indicated they in favor of this...* be changed to *The Council indicated they were in favor of this...* Mayor Hendricks requested that, under the first paragraph under "Citizen Comments" in the June 9th minutes, the name *Neil* be changed to the correct spelling of *Neeld*.

Discussion

Mayor Hendricks invited Dick Cook to present the "Green Thing" project. Mr. Cook referenced a brochure he had given the Council previously. He explained the project's purpose was to encourage bicycling as an alternative form of transportation in light of environmental issues and high gas prices. He also said he would be able to provide bike racks and markers and noted the project would be adaptable to the desires of the Town. Councilmember Lusk asked if it would be possible to provide racks that are more traditional than the more modern design style pictured in his brochure. Mr. Cook said it was. Councilmember Lusk also asked Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, if some of the recreation facilities were already equipped with bike racks. Mr. Thompson said there were some at the pool, but they were very old. Mr. Cook said these could still be utilized in the project. Councilmember Allen suggested Mr. Cook meet with the Mountain Business Association regarding this issue.

Mayor Hendricks mentioned a production of "Oklahoma" would be performed on Friday and Saturday nights at the playhouse during the month of July and the first weekend of August.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Hendricks invited members of the audience to address the Council. He explained the schedule for the proposed annexation of Fox Run and Windtree, including the public hearing. He also recognized State Representative Richard Floyd, who was present in the audience.

The following comments were made by audience members regarding the proposed annexation:

Austin Seay, Fox Run, said a meeting was held at the Bachman Center last fall to discuss the annexation of Fox Run and Windtree. He noted there was unanimous opposition to the plan, and several believed that annexation would lead to increased taxation with very little benefit in return. Also as a taxation issue, there is some uncertainty as to what some of the homes are worth in Fox Run. He noted there is still strong opposition.

Lee Norris, Hollywood Lane, said he also opposed the annexation, and he was also at the meeting at Bachman. He noted the neighborhoods in the area were polled, and 96% of the residents opposed annexation. He also stated he believes annexation would be "taxation without representation," and that it represented a "grab" for taxes. He listed other reasons as to why the residents felt it was unfair, including the home value issue mentioned above, the inheritance of the cost for building the new school, etc.

Brent Morris, Windtree Drive, questioned the order of this process; i.e., why the Council wouldn't present its case prior to audience comments. He said he felt annexation would provide no guarantee of sufficient services; that is, the plan called for "consideration" of those services, and he felt this does not meet the State requirement for providing services

commensurate with the additional taxes. He was concerned that the manner of pressing on with this process in spite of resistance might be an ominous foreshadowing of poor governance to annexed areas. He said there would be significant opposition from the residents, and they would provide legal resources to prevent annexation from happening. The resulting costs would be out of proportion to what is gained.

Connie Shaughnessy, Fox Run, said the earlier time (6:00 P.M.) for the public hearing would pose a hardship for some individuals. Mayor Hendricks said the public hearing was only moved up due to anticipation that the meeting would be lengthy.

Allen Upton, Valley Hill Lane, said we all live in financially challenging times, and the timing of the annexation and resultant costs would present a new challenge which should be considered.

Celeste Morris, Windtree Drive, asked why the Council only chose certain spots to annex instead of all of Shackleford Ridge Road. Mayor Hendricks said the Town already includes all of Shackleford Ridge Road. Ms. Morris felt that wasn't the case, to which Mr. Noblett replied that since 2001, the County has established growth areas for the Town. Ms. Morris also asked why the issue wasn't tabled until a later time, as had been indicated previously. Mayor Hendricks said it was tabled originally to allow for review. Significant changes to the plan of services have been made under a new administration and department heads. He noted, in reference to a comment earlier, the fire service of the volunteer department is good, but does not compare to a full time, professional fire service. Ms. Morris asked if additional fire engines would be purchased, to which the Mayor replied they would not initially, based on the analyses, but an additional police officer would be provided. Ms. Morris questioned the adequacy of only one officer. Mayor Hendricks said consultants had helped with these recommendations; they were not arbitrary decisions. Ms. Morris felt this was all a matter of services not being worth the related costs. Mayor Hendricks stated they would be getting the same services as other citizens, and this would be a higher level of service than what they are getting presently. General comments from the audience indicated disagreement.

Alan Jones, Fox Run, said that if a new fire station isn't built, since the individuals at Fox Run and Windtree live further away from the current fire station, their insurance costs would increase. Mayor Hendricks disagreed, noting Town personnel had looked into this, and the result indicated some individuals' insurance would go down and some would stay the same. Mr. Jones also asked if there was a tax for water service. Mayor Hendricks explained that water service for the Fox Run and Windtree areas was not provided by the Town, but by Walden's Ridge Utility District. He noted Town water service was subject to fees, not taxes. He also reiterated that the Town worked very hard to get the correct facts. Mr. Jones asked if the Walden's Ridge utility would be in charge of placing fire hydrants in these areas. Mayor Hendricks said the Town would pay WRUD to do this. Mr. Jones asked why new fire hydrants are necessary. Mayor Hendricks said Town standards required a fire hydrant per every 500 feet, whereas the County only required one every 1,000 feet. One citizen asked when hydrants would be put in place in these areas. Ms. Rogers said within 18 months, but as quickly as possible.

Mr. Norris asked if the backup schedules for the annexation plan were available. Ms. Rogers said they would be available for distribution after the Planning Commission review, and that the August Commission meeting will be a public meeting and individuals are welcome to attend when the schedules are discussed. Colin Jordan, Scenic Hollow Lane, asked why the Town would want these areas if the residents there were so opposed to being part of the Town. Mayor Hendricks explained that the Council is obligated to act in the best interests of the Town. The laws relating to urban growth boundaries were passed by the State several years ago, and it has become standard practice for towns to annex developed areas. Mr. Noblett said the Council has to do what is in the best interests of the Town. Mayor Hendricks said the Council must listen to the will of Town residents at the public hearing.

Phil Durrence, Woodlair Way, asked if analysis documentation of proposed services were available to these areas now, and also if the plans were available for review. He also asked if the Council had asked its own citizens if this is what they want. Mr. Noblett explained the legal process for the issue, noting the Planning Commission must review the plan of services first, then a public hearing must be held. Mr. Durrence asked why this was not placed on a referendum. Mr. Noblett said annexation by ordinance was a simple process under the law that the Council decided was in the best interests of the Town.

Mr. Jordan asked if the residents of these areas should have gotten a petition from Town residents to oppose the annexation. Mayor Hendricks said he wasn't sure, and that would have to be looked at.

Councilmember Lusk stated he was bothered by the fact there were some services that residents of the Fox Run and Windtree areas were getting without being charged for them and noted the value of the services, citing the incident of a fire at his residence and the manner in which it was handled by Town personnel. He noted that, at the meeting at the Bachman Center, most of the Fox Run and Windtree residents indicated they would receive value from sending their children to the new High School and Middle School in the Town.

Ms. Morris said services are paid for by the residents of these areas in the form of the sales taxes they pay when shopping in the Town. Also, money raised in the form of donations for the schools by residents in the Fox Run and Windtree areas.

Mr. Upton said Fox Run and Windtree are happy with their current services, and he is unhappy with the idea of these residents being taken in against their will. He reiterated the additional burden of the cost on those who may not be able to afford it.

Mr. Seay said this is a numbers game; i.e., he felt the result of the meeting at the Bachman Center indicated the additional revenue would not cover the additional costs of annexation, and he requested our projections be made public for the residents of Fox Run and Windtree to approve.

Mr. Norris asked Mr. Noblett if the detail schedules of the study will be available at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Noblett and Ms. Rogers said they will.

Gary Starnes, Chestnut Ridge Lane, said he will be serving as legal representation for these residents and that legal action will be taken, if necessary. He said he studied the State statute and there are experts already preparing for litigation. He disagreed with the idea that these areas were getting significant service from the Town.

Joe Dumas, James Boulevard, said he appreciates services the Town provides, but it is unfair to take this property against the will of its residents, and noted the issue of "taxation without representation," mentioned above, was a good point. He said the litigation issue could be costly for the Town. He believed other Town residents feel the same way he does – that no one should be annexed that does not want to voluntarily be part of the Town. Finally, he noted elections would be held on August 7, 2008 – the County general election and the State and Federal primary elections, and early voting would begin on July 18th and run through August 2nd.

John Roden, Reynard Trail, said he had grown up on Signal Mountain and felt the citizens of the Town reflected an attitude that made him feel like an outsider. He felt it would be difficult for him to pay the high Town property taxes given an already difficult financial situation. He said he was always against the new school and because his children go to private school he gets no benefit for the additional cost. He closed by quoting Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25, explaining he meant the residents of Fox Run and Windtree are fine on their own.

The following discussions were opened by audience members regarding other issues:

Lou Oliphant, Alexian Way, asked Police Chief Boyd Veal if the 911 dispatch office could be more informed about Town events, citing a few examples of misinformation by said office. Ms. Rogers said the appropriate action to take would be to have calls forwarded to Town Hall, although this would not cover weekends. Mayor Hendricks said there is no practical way to get complete accurate information from dispatch after-hours as the Town uses the dispatch office from Amnicola Highway.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE

PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. 6-51-102, RELATIVE TO ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (196) DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS FOX RUN SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO FOX RUN SUBDIVISION WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. Councilmember Robertson noted one misspelled word in the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

2. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §6-51-102, RELATIVE TO ONE HUNDRED TWELVE (112) DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS WINDTREE SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO WINDTREE SUBDIVISION WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP. Councilmember Lusk moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. Councilmember Robertson noted one misspelled word in the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, THE ANNEXATION OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (196) DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY FOX RUN SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO FOX RUN SUBDIVISION WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, THE ANNEXATION OF ONE HUNDRED TWELVE (112) DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS WINDTREE SUBDIVISION AND CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO WINDTREE SUBDIVISION ON ANDERSON PIKE AND HOLLYWOOD LANE WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP. Councilmember Lusk moved, and

Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hendricks reiterated the Council's responsibility to the Town citizens.

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2008. Councilmember Allen moved, and Councilmember Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. Ms. Rogers noted the funds from this grant would primarily be for the Fire or Public Works departments. The motion passed unanimously.
6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXTENDED CAB TRUCKS, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 4036136, FROM ALEXANDER CHEVROLET-CADILLAC, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 66/100 (\$19,308.66) DOLLARS EACH TO BE USED BY THE RECREATION AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND ONE (1) 2008 FORD F-150 EXTENDED CAB TRUCK, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 4036134, FROM GOLDEN CIRCLE FORD INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 25/100 (\$19,553.25) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN. Councilmember Lusk moved, and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. Ms. Rogers noted these purchases were part of the 2008-2009 budget. Mayor Hendricks expressed interest in perhaps looking at hybrid vehicles in future purchases. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hendricks mentioned a resolution passed in the recent agenda meeting that appointed Joseph F. Decosimo to the Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board.

Ordinances

The following ordinances were presented:

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, TITLE TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 2-701 THROUGH 2-706 TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A TREE BOARD FOR THE TOWN. Councilmember Robertson moved, and Councilmember Lusk seconded that the resolution be approved. Councilmember Allen asked if the Council should consider mandating that

developers at least meet with the Tree Board for educational purposes, rather than just be "encouraged" to, as the ordinance suggests. Ms. Rogers said this could pose additional work the Board wasn't prepared for. Councilmember Robertson reiterated that the language was meant to be encouraging, not restricting. Councilmember Lusk asked if it would make sense to leave this section of the ordinance alone and monitor what voluntary compliance is given. Mayor Hendricks agreed, and said that he also considered asking the Tree Board to make a recommendation on a tree ordinance. Ms. Rogers indicated agreement with this idea. Mr. Noblett mentioned that if there were any significant changes, the ordinance would have to be read for a first time again, resulting in three readings. The motion passed unanimously.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-101, OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE RELATIVE TO THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS. Councilmember Robertson moved and Councilmember Lusk seconded that the ordinance be approved. Mayor Hendricks summarized the ordinance and its intent. He asked if meeting times could be moved up to 6:00 p.m. on a trial basis. Mr. Noblett said any change would have to be done by ordinance, and public notice has to be given. Mayor Hendricks also asked if the Council would want to go ahead and move on with a second reading in August. Councilmember Robertson asked the audience for any comments. One citizen commented that she would have trouble meeting at 6:00. Mr. Dumas offered a compromise of 6:30. The department heads indicated a 6:00 time would work well. Mr. Noblett said the Council should make sure there is no conflict with established time in the event litigation over something becomes an issue to be discussed at such meetings. He also recommended the change be made effective after the September 8th public hearing. The Council agreed 6:30 was a good compromise. Ms. Rogers said the change was intended to alleviate burden on the staff. Mayor Hendricks moved, and Councilmember Lusk seconded that an amendment indicating a time of 6:30 be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The original motion to approve the ordinance was also approved unanimously.
3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 18-808 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE RELATIVE TO THE RATE FOR STORMWATER USER FEES WITHIN THE TOWN. Councilmember Lusk moved and Councilmember Robertson seconded that the ordinance be approved. Mayor Hendricks noted the fee increase was needed to cover costs, and that it is better to do so now rather than later. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussions

Ms. Rogers explained the new animal control contract for emergency pickups, which she discussed with officials at the East Ridge city council meeting. She noted when this contract is signed, the agreement with the Humane Society will be terminated. Mayor Hendricks noted there is great concern for animals in the

area, and the Town intends to be responsive, but by getting the best value for the citizens available. He also asked if the East Ridge shelter would take animals brought in. Ms. Rogers said she would have to check, but the Humane Society would still accept them for a fee. Councilmember Robertson said the contract is meant to supplement police efforts, not to be used for citizen's drop-offs.

Planning Commission Report

Lou Oliphant, Planning Commission Secretary, reported on the activities of the Commission. The regular meeting was on July 10th, during which subdivision regulations were reviewed and a recommendation was made that nothing be done in regard to the overlay zone. There will be a work session on July 24th. The plan of services for the proposed annexation of the Fox Run and Windtree areas will be reviewed at the August 7th meeting.

Mayor Hendricks noted August 4th would be the next Council work session.

Department Reports

Police Department:

Chief Veal's participation in the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy training had begun. Ivey Ervin, a fifth-grader who is in the D.A.R.E program, is a winner of the State essay contest. As a result, she will attend the State D.A.R.E. conference. The Chief and Officer Greg Hill will also be attending. The last new police car is being equipped. Councilmember Robertson asked what he is learning in leadership training. Chief Veal said areas covered included ethics, leadership, planning, etc. Mayor Hendricks mentioned a letter from a motorist who was recently stranded that commended a police officer for his kindness and his help.

Library:

Karin Glendenning reported a second meeting of the book discussion group was held. The group discusses ways to identify collectible and valuable books. There was also an outer space program was provided by the Creative Discovery Museum. A "Swamp Things" program, provided by the Chattanooga Aquarium, will take place on July 22nd, which will showcase creatures that live in swamp areas. On July 29th there will be a grand finale celebration. For the fiscal year ending June 30th, the Library added 55 new members, there were several new users of the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), total circulation was 68,744 – an increase of 10,119 over last year, 424 memberships were added, and a total of 1,674 items were collected.

MACC:

Karen Shropshire reported approximately 150 children were enrolled in camps, which end this week. A military history group is being formed and will hold meetings at the MACC.

Recreation:

Jarred Thompson reported camps are finished, and good feedback has been received. A recent Health Department inspection gave the recreation facilities a "98". The Dixie Youth baseball tournament started today. Mr. Thompson thanked the Council for approval of the resolution for a truck purchase. He also thanked William Sanders for the help received from water department staff. Councilmember Robertson asked about the status of the concession stand operations. Mr. Thompson said the owner of the stand had a few personal and staffing problems.

Building Inspection:

Chuck Gearhiser thanked the Council for approval of a vehicle purchase. Stormwater activities have been slow; he is busy at the school. Furniture is now being moved into the school. There were three housing starts.

Water:

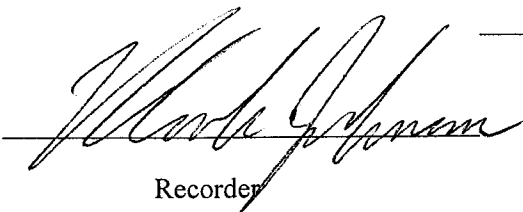
William Sanders reported the department is awaiting a valve for the pump station, a significant amount of concrete work is being performed, landscaping and fire hydrant work was done, and there were no major leaks during the month.

Other Business


Mayor Hendricks recognized Representative Richard Floyd. Representative Floyd said he was there to visit as a part of his normal rotation, and he thanked the Council and commended the system of local government.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, asked about a recent question raised by Councilmembers Lusk and Robertson and Vice Mayor Dick about the overlay zone and whether they were aware of a suggestion by the Mayor that the review of the subdivision regulations needed to be concluded before the overlay zone was re-considered.. Councilmember Lusk and Robertson noted they were already given a satisfactory answer to their question.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor